

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination, Applicants' have canceled Claims 1-10 and have amended Claims 11-15 and 21-23 to further clarify and distinctly describe that which is regarded as the present invention. It is believed no new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

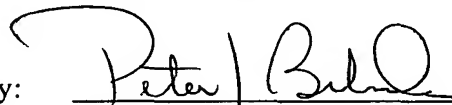
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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**"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."**

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

Claims 11-15 and 21-23 have been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) A pressure measuring device comprising:  
a housing having an upper portion and a lower portion, said lower portion including at least one engagement [portion] end that is directly couplable to an inflatable blood pressure sleeve to permit fluid communication therebetween without hoses or tubing.

12. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 11, wherein said engagement [portion] end includes at least one circumferential channel [adjacent a depending end thereof] for reducing the transmission of shock or impact loads to a movement mechanism retained within said housing.

13. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 12, wherein at least one circumferential channel is disposed on a bottom surface of said engagement [portion] end.

14. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 12, wherein at least one circumferential channel is disposed along an axial portion of said engagement [portion] end.

15. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 11, including said inflatable blood pressure sleeve, said sleeve having a receiving portion for directly receiving said engagement [portion] end, said receiving portion having an opening which permits fluid communication between the interior of the sleeve and the interior of the housing.

21. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 20, wherein said at least one circumferential channel is disposed in said engagement [portion] end.

22. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 21, wherein said circumferential channel is cut into a bottom surface of said engagement [portion] end.

23. (Amended) A pressure measuring device as recited in Claim 21, wherein said circumferential channel is cut adjacent to a depending end of said engagement [portion] end.